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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	US 6,789,637	Sep. 14, 2004	Winner et al.	180	170	
	A02						
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A06	DE 199 43 611	Mar. 22, 2001	DE - Germany			See US 6,789,637, English abstract	
	A07	EP 0 677 799 A2	Oct. 18, 1995	EP - Europe			In English	
	A08	WO 01/20362 A	Mar. 22, 2001	WO - WIPO			English abstract	
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**OTHER REFERENCES** (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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